**Linking of unconnected villages under PMGSY in Assam**

605. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposal sent by the State of Assam with regard to linking of unconnected villages under PMGSY during 2007-08;

(b) whether all the roads of the villages of the district Barpeta, Nalbari, Chirang, Bongaigaon are being included under the PMGSY, and the details thereof; and

(c) the date of completion of work of those roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) During 2007-08, Project Proposals for 139 road works of length 984.269 Km valued at Rs 570.12 Crore (including 95 long span bridges) were sanctioned by the Ministry under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for Assam.

(b) The details of habitations being connected under PMGSY in Barpeta, Nalbari and Bongaigaon (including Chirang) districts of Assam are as under:-

| Sl. No. | District | No. of unconnected habitations before commencement of PMGSY, having population of | | | Balance Unconnected habitations to be covered under PMGSY, having population of | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1000 persons and more | 500-999 persons | Total | 1000 persons and more | 500-999 persons | Total |
| 1 | Barpeta | 589 | 198 | 787 | 181 | 103 | 284 |
| 2 | Nalbari | 330 | 162 | 492 | 118 | 109 | 227 |
| 3 | Bongaigaon (including Chirang) | 268 | 218 | 486 | 54 | 139 | 193 |

(c) As per PMGSY Programme Guidelines, PMGSY projects are to be completed within a period of 9 working months from the date of issue of the Work order. In case the period for execution is likely to be adversely affected by monsoon or other seasonal factors, the time period for execution may be extended but shall not exceed 12 calendar months. In respect of Hill States where the work is executed in two stages, the time limit up to 18 calendar months has been permitted for completion of Stage-I works and 9 to 12 months for Stage - II works.

**Employment for everyone**

†606.SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated or propose to formulate any programme to ensure employment for everyone during the next five years; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) if so, the details thereof and amount involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development is already implementing a National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) covering all the districts of the country. The NREGA guarantees 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to all the rural households whose adult members are willing to take up unskilled manual work. The Ministry is also implementing a self-employment programme under the name of Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) under which the BPL families are also organized into the Self Help Groups and are assisted through a mix of subsidy and credit to set up economic activities which could provide them incremental income on a sustainable basis. They are also given training for skill development to take up self or wage employment. There is no other proposal under the consideration of the Ministry of Rural Development to formulate any other employment programme.

**Implementation of SGSY and SGRY in Goa**

607. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana and Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana are being implemented in Goa; and

(b) the details of the achievements since inception of the scheme, finances allotted to the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is a major self-employment programme for the rural poor under implementation since 1.4.1999 and The Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) was launched on 25.09.2001 by merging the schemes, namely, Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY). With effect from 1st April, 2008, SGRY programme has been entirely subsumed into NREGA.

(b) The details of achievement since inception under SGSY and SGRY in Goa state is given below:

| Head | SGSY (upto Aug., 2008) | SGRY (upto March, 2008) |
|---|---|---|
| Total available Funds (includes Opening balance, Central release, State Release & Misc. receipt) (Rs. in lakh) | 913.17 | 1880.91 |
| Central Release (Rs. in lakh) | 387.94 | 1139.52 |
| Total Funds Utilized (Rs. in lakh) | 399.13 | 1467.96 |
| Total Swarozgaris assisted (In numbers) | 5143 | - |
| Employment Generated (lakh man-days) | - | 11.53 |
| Foodgrain released (in tonnes) | - | 4466 |